HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,

Young's Point, La., March 29th, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 88.

1. The Quartermaster's Department will provide and furnish a suitable Steamboat to be called the "United States Sanitary Store Boat," and put the same in charge of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, to be used exclusively for the conveyance of goods calculated to prevent disease, and supplement the Government supply of stores for the relief of the sick and wounded.

2. No persons will be permitted to travel on said boat except officers of the Army and Navy, (and they only on permits from their proper commanding officers,) discharged soldiers and employees of the Sanitary Commission. No goods whatever, for training or commercial purposes will be carried on said steamer, and no goods will be taken for individuals, or with any conditions which will prevent their being delivered

to those most needing them in the Army or Navy.

2. The contents of all packages to be shipped on said U. S. Sanitary Store Boat, will be inspected before shipment, by an Agent of said Sanitary Commission, at the point of shipment, unless an invoice of their contents shall have been received, the correctness of which is assured by the signature of some person of known loyalty and integrity. A statement showing what goods have been placed on board at each trip will be sent to the Medical Director of the Department at these Head-Quarters.

4. A weekly statement will also be made by said Sanitary Commission to the Department Medical Director, showing what sanitary supplies have been issued by said Sanitary Commission, and to whom

issued.

5. All orders from these Head Quarters authorizing the free transportation of sanitary stores from Cairo South, on boats other than the one herein assigned for that exclusive purpose, are hereby recinded.

BY ORDER OF MAJ. GEN. U. S. GRANT.

JNO. A. RAWLINS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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